Currency Notes Printing Presses in the country

† 4069. SHRIMATI SAROJDUBEY:

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Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRSbe pleased to state :

(a) the locations of currency note printing presses; and

(b) the details of measures taken to bring transparency in the printing of notes and to make these notes safe from being copied?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND RAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) Currency notes are printed at Dewas (Madhya Pradesh), Nashik (Maharashtra), Salboni (West Bengal) and Mysore (Karnataka).

(b) To prevent counterfeiting of notes the security features in the bank notes are upgraded from time to time. Transparency in the procedures is followed as per the General Financial Rules and keeping in view the national security considerations.

Flow of funds to Rural Sector

4070. SHRIJANARDHANAPOOJARY: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that credit flow to rural sector is very slow in comparison to the urban industries;

(b) the amount advanced by banks to rural and urban industries during the last three years, bank-wise, industry-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have asked the banks to enhance their lending to the rural industries, while advising them to set up 'Rural Industry Fund' on the lines of'Capital Venture Fund'; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard and the reaction of the financial institutions to the advice?

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND RAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a)and(b) Reserve Bank of India has reported thai it does not collect Industry-wise data. However, the details regarding gross Bank Credit to Rural, Semi-Urban and Urban/Metropolitan areas during the last three years are as under:

(Rs. in crores)

As on March	Rural	Semi-urban	Urban/Metropolitan
2000	47396	55022	366614
2001	56017	63857	436562
2002	65700	73355	544536

(c) and (d) National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD) provides refinance support under Investment Credit (Non-Farm Sector) to Commercial Banks, Regional Rural Banks, State Cooperative Banks, State Cooperative and Agricultural and Rural Development Banks and Scheduled Primary (Urban) Cooperative Banks for financing Small Scale Industries, Cottage and Village Industries, Rural Artisans, Handicrafts, Handloom Weavers and approved Service Sector activities so as to promote Integrated Rural Development. Similarly, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) under its promotional and developmental activities lays emphasis on small and tiny units under schemes like Micro Credit Scheme (MCS) and Rural Industries Programme (RIP). RIP of SIDBI aims at promotion of tiny enterprises in rural and semi-urban areas. SIDBI has reported that as on March 31,2002,8485 units have been promoted under RIP in 59 districts in 22 States. SIDBI is also providing assistance under National Programme for Rural Industrialization (NPRI).

Inspection under Section 209

4071. SHRI MUNAWAR HASAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(c) whether it is a fact that inspection under Section 209 was ordered against DSQ Software, Padmini Polymers, Ranbaxy and Piramal Group;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;